

I am writing to make it known that I find XM satellite radio a very useful service. It's wonderful to be able to travel across the country and never lose the channel. The weather and traffic reports are very useful when traveling, especially for those who travel often such as truck drivers who drive for a living. I like the variety of the channels offered. I enjoy commercial free music and I am paying for this service.

I have a right to spend my money on goods and services as I see fit. (just like I have a choice to subscribe to cable TV or watch broadcast TV for free) and I don't want to hear product pitches every 10 minutes. You will never hear the play list on regular radio that you hear on XM because it is not considered marketable to corporate giants like Clear Channel. Clear Channel Entertainment has a near monopoly on broadcast radio and they play the same song list with the same songs constantly all day long. Every song you hear is bought and paid for. A lot of great music never gets heard on broadcast radio for this very reason. This is not for me. Competition is good for the market. Competition breeds quality. If there's no market for satellite radio; then why is the subscriber base increasing at such quick rate? It's obvious that this is a market that has great potential. Broadcast radio is just afraid that too many people will realize the value of this service.

It should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to tell me what I can and cannot listen to. It is absolutely disgusting that they think they should wield this kind of power. It is sad and very unfair to people like me.

The bottom line is that the FCC needs to reject NAB petition 04-160 and leave it up to the consumer to decide which direction this market takes. I choose XM, others choose Sirius and others choose broadcast radio. It's important that this remains the choice of the consumer.

Respectfully,

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